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REPLY UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
PATENT
0033-0630P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shuichi WATANABE Conf.: 8589
Appl. No.: 09/451,097 Group: 2613
Filed: November 30, 1999 Examiner: R. Lee
For: IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS PERFORMING
RETRIEVAL BASED ON CODING INFORMATION
UTILIZED FOR FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION OR
FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

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AMENDMENT-AFTER-FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 27, 2003
(After Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, the period for response being extended two (2) months to May 27, 2003 (After Holiday) by the attached petition for extension of time, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims 33-36~~ without prejudice or disclaimer thereto.

Please replace claims 1, 15, 17, 18, 29 and 31 with the following amended claims: Please note that claims 1, 15, 17, 18, 29 and 31 are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

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